

the complainants, (with one exception,) in the bill of the 13th of January last, had filed their bill in this court, praying, upon the grounds therein stated, for an injunction to restrain the said Jones from giving, and the said Albert and wife from receiving, any assignment or transfer of his property in preference to the other creditors of said Jones. Upon this bill, which was filed on the 14th of September last, and which preceded the filing of the bill by Albert and wife, in the Baltimore County Court, the late chancellor granted an injunction, which is still in force.

According to the allegations of this bill, Jones was in a condition of hopeless insolvency, and could look alone to the relief afforded by the insolvent laws of the state, to be discharged from liability for his debts, a step which it averred he intended to adopt.

It likewise stated, that entertaining this expectation, he designed and threatened to give preference to certain of his creditors over the rest, and especially, that with a view and under an expectation of being and becoming an insolvent debtor, he proposed to give an undue and improper preference to the defendants, Albert and wife, and Norman, and in addition to the injunction which was asked for to prevent any such preference, the bill prayed that a receiver might be appointed to take possession of the property and effects of the said Jones, for the purpose of preserving them until a trustee should be appointed for the benefit of his creditors under the insolvent system, and for further relief.

It seemed to the Chancellor that the estate and affairs of Jones, thus alleged to be insolvent, and the questions between the conflicting claims of his creditors, and especially of those of them who were parties to this first bill, were by it subject to the jurisdiction of this court, and that, consequently, the injunction prayed for by the bill filed on the 13th of January last, might be granted, and it was accordingly ordered.

This last bill, as has been already stated, prays that the decree obtained by Albert and wife, against Jones, in Baltimore County Court, as a court of equity, may be annulled as fraudulently obtained. It alleges that Jones, on the 26th of October,